

REMARKS

Prior to examination of the above-referenced case on the merits, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

The specification has been amended to add continuing data information. No new matter has been added.

Certain claims have been cancelled because these claims were allowed in the parent application.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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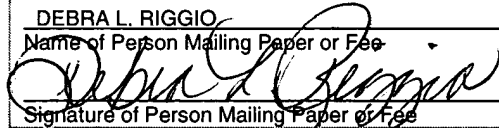
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